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A mixed Bank Holiday weekend

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A typical springtime mix of weather is likely for the UK over the Bank Holiday weekend, with sunshine, showers and some longer spells of rain possible for some.

Much of England and Wales will see dry weather for the rest of today (Friday), with the best of the sunshine likely in the south.

For many, Saturday will be the best day of the Bank Holiday weekend. It will be a largely dry day for much of the UK, with some good periods of sunshine for many and temperatures likely reaching into the low 20s Celsius in a few places in the southeast. Those in the easternmost areas and the far South West will experience rain spreading in from the east and west respectively.

Commenting on the forecast for Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday, Met Office Deputy Chief Meteorologist Dan Harris said: "Sunday will have a mixture of sunny spells but also scattered, heavy and in places thundery downpours. Not everywhere will see them but where they do occur there is a small chance of some temporary issues such as flooded roads. Scotland will be cloudier with rain, while Northern Ireland will also be cloudy but with a chance that heavy showers could break out later too, bringing similar conditions to England and Wales.

"The outlook for Bank Holiday Monday is for brighter, cooler and breezier conditions with scattered showers for England and Wales at first, but a steady drying trend from the west is likely. Northern Ireland could well start off fine but cool, and remain settled whilst feeling pleasantly warm in longer sunny spells. The focus for heavier showers is expected to transfer to Scotland and possibly northeast England, where again these could be slow moving, the heaviest of which could cause some temporary, localised issues such as flooded roads.

"We are keeping the weather warning situation under review, so please keep up to date with the latest warnings and forecasts from the Met Office if you have plans this Bank Holiday weekend."

Temperatures overall are expected to be around the average for the time of year, but it will feel warm in any longer spells of sunshine, particularly on Saturday.

Further ahead

The outlook into next week continues to look changeable for the UK, with showers and more persistent rain likely at times, particularly in the west and northwest, while the east and southeast are more likely to see drier weather. Temperatures are likely to be slightly above average for many, especially so in the southeast.

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